

LIFEGUARD

DISTINGUISHING FEATURES OF THE CLASS: The work involves responsibility for the performance of patrol work at a beach or swimming pool and insuring the safety of bathers. The work is carried out in accordance with established procedures and involves observing those using the facility and, if necessary, providing assistance. The incumbent has considerable responsibility for the exercise of sound judgment in emergencies because an error in judgment may result in the loss of life. The class differs from that of Senior Lifeguard in that Lifeguard is the entry-level position of the series whereas Senior Lifeguard is at the second level and has greater responsibility. Work is performed under the direct supervision of a higher-level employee, with leeway allowed in responding to emergencies. Supervision of others is not normally a responsibility of the class. Does related work as required.

TYPICAL WORK ACTIVITIES: The typical work activities listed below, while providing representative examples of the variety of work assignments in the title do not describe any individual position. Incumbents in this title may perform some or all of the following, as well as other related activities not described.

Stands watch or patrols beach or swimming pool keeping bathers within bounds and going to their aid when they are in difficulty;

Applies resuscitation techniques and otherwise renders first aid;

Instructs beginners in swimming;

Keeps the swimming area free of glass and other debris;

Performs other routine duties such as repairing equipment;

Maintains order and enforces compliances with beach, swimming pool rules and may enforce rules of a facility;

May clean and disinfect locker rooms, toilets and related facilities, including grounds and beaches;

May assist in conducting recreation activities;

When Employed By A School District:

May launder towels;

May perform routine housekeeping functions;

May fill vending machines.

FULL PERFORMANCE KNOWLEDGES, SKILLS, ABILITIES AND PERSONAL CHARACTERISTICS: Good knowledge of first aid, life saving and rescue work as applied to

accidents in the water; ability to swim well; ability to establish and carry out preventive water safety precautions, to react to emergencies and take effective action; ability to deal effectively with co-workers and the public; ability to keep records and to make simple reports and arithmetic computations; good observation; mental alertness; physical condition commensurate with the demands of the position.

MINIMUM QUALIFICATIONS:

1. Possession of an American Red Cross Lifeguarding Certificate or its equivalent* **AND**
2. Possession of an American Red Cross Basic Life Support CPR Certificate** or its equivalent.

***Note:** Certification shall be valid for the time period specified by the certifying agency, but may not exceed a consecutive 3-year period from course completion. For beachfront lifeguarding, Waterfront Certification is required and must be taken separately.

****Note:** All CPR certificates are valid for only 1 year from the date of course completion, regardless of the expiration date noted on the card.

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